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Brisson retorted that perhaps the ministry was the power most inimical to Republicanism. This insinuation aroused a storm of protests, amid which Ribot arose and made an eloquent appeal to the publicans to rally around the flag of the republic.

M. Delaunay then accused DeFreycinet, ex-minister of war, with his responsibility to a great degree for the Panama scandal, and asked why M. Herz had been decorated with a cross of the Legion of Honor at the request of questionable politicians?

DeFreycinet replied that the honor was granted at the request of many scientific men who praised Herz highly for his electrical work.

Bourgeois promised the investigation committee all possible assistance from the government and the vote at the end of the discussion was 221 for to 215 against the Brisson proposals. This is regarded as tantamount to a vote of confidence in the government, although the narrowness of the majority had a depressing effect on the house.

While the vote was being taken the greatest confusion prevailed and there were numerous personal attacks. The socialist Deputy Gabriel shouted an insulting remark to Republican Deputy Arene, but when the latter challenged him, refused to fight a duel.

Brisson asked other committeemen if the extreme right are expected to resign at tomorrow's meeting of the investigation committee.

TO KILL HIPPOLYTE.

The Attempt to Assassinate the King of Hayti—The Assassin Shot.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—W. A. Griffin and Clarence B. Ricker, of this city, were passengers on the steamship Adriatic which arrived from Kingston, Jamaica, Tuesday with reports of the attempt to kill President Hippolyte of Hayti. The story of the attempted assassination as they heard it is as follows: President Hippolyte was in bed in the palace when one of his attendants saw a man slipping along the corridor toward the president's room. The attendant grappled with the man and was stabbed in the shoulder.

Other attendants came and the man was bound. He was asked what his object was in visiting the palace, and he said: "To kill Hippolyte." He was then taken out and shot.

Investigation was made and it was found the man had got into the grounds by breaking through the fence. Next day six of the guards were shot for allowing the man to get into the grounds. Hippolyte was in bed when the assassin was taken to the palace and was also sentenced to be shot. A son of Hippolyte, however, interceded for the lieutenant and his life was spared, though he is still in prison. It is believed the attempted assassination is a result of a conspiracy in which some people in Hippolyte's household are implicated.

On the other hand, his enemies claim that no attempt at assassination was made, and that Hippolyte simply took the occasion to get rid of followers whose fidelity he suspected.

NO CONCLUSION REACHED.

The Conference Committee Did Not Take a Vote on the Plans.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 15.—The committee appointed by the international monetary conference to consider the various projects submitted to it by the conference have adopted a report in which they state that in considering the various proposals submitted to them they confined themselves to the study of general principles and did not discuss the details necessary to give the several proposals effect. After reviewing the reasons for and against the different plans the report concludes: "Having regard for the fact that the conference has not yet pronounced on the general question, the committee do not feel satisfied in taking a vote upon the projects referred to them or attempting to formulate a compromise between the various monetary doctrines advanced."

INDIAN CURRENCY COMMITTEE.

President Mackay Has Been Giving Evidence to the Herschell Committee.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A special from Calcutta states that Mackay, president of the India Currency association, has returned to Calcutta after giving evidence in London before the Herschell currency committee. Mackay told the committee that reports against a gold standard the commercial men of India must accept the situation. India, he said, would go on with silver and would not be able to employ shipping. In reply to a question of the banks as to what notice would be given if the mint closed, the government states it can say nothing at present.

Salvador's President in Danger.

PANAMA, via Galveston, Tex., Dec. 15.—Advice from Salvador state that a plot to kill President Ezeta was discovered a few days ago. The plot was formed by Salvador exiles at Guatemala. The president was invited to a banquet at Salvador at which an Italian, hired to assassinate him, had been detailed to serve as a waiter. When the guests were seated the waiter, who had been informed of the plot, arrested the Italian. He confessed that he had been hired for \$5 to commit the murder.

The Greys Will Come Today.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—A rumor is afloat to the effect that the government has decided to arrest the managers of the Panama Canal company charged with complicity in the alleged fraud. The situation is growing in gravity. Either the ministry or investigating committee will resign tomorrow. In reality the ministry in the vote in the chamber was in the majority since there is only one abstention and a majority of six votes. The vote of eight ministers was cast for themselves which is contrary to all precedent. New scandals and more revelations are being announced for tomorrow. Three of those talked about are politicians and as one of them is in the cabinet it will all end in a presidential crisis and resignation of the cabinet.

MILD PUNISHMENT.

It Is No Wonder That Russia Is Filled With Nihilists.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 15.—Midwife Redwarka, found guilty of smothering 111 babies, whose bodies were found buried in her cellar, has been sentenced to only one year's imprisonment. Great indignation is aroused by the fact that the powerful influence of some of her former patrons was able to save her from the full penalty of her crimes. As she has been at such work nearly twenty years, there is little doubt that her victims number hundreds.

Papal Letter Against Masonry.

ROME, Dec. 15.—The pope will soon send to Italian bishops a letter denouncing masonry as pursuing a satanic aim and replacing Christianity by naturalism.

O'Connor's Credentials Accepted.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Tien Tsin states that O'Connor, the newly appointed British minister to China, has delivered his credentials to the emperor. O'Connor did not insist on his majesty giving him audience in the inner palace. This action has settled a diplomatic difficulty arising from the emperor's refusal to hold such ceremonies within the sacred precincts.

Injection Against an Electric Company.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The United States court of appeals has granted an injunction in the suit of the Edison Electric company against the Sawyer Manufacturing company, with a proviso that the Edison company must supply all Westinghouse plants installed before the injunction was issued, with lamps at reasonable prices.

SHEPHERD WINS.

His Former Business Manager Does Not Sustain the Charges in Court.

Red Hot Address Made to the Jury by Attorneys on Both Sides—The Jury Out Two Hours.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The doors of the supreme court were besieged by a larger crowd than usual today, it being known to be the closing day, in the suit of Frank L. Gray against Colonel Elliott Shepard for damages in the sum of \$20,000 for alleged breach of contract, the case has been on trial three days and has been replete with sensational charges and countercharges. Gray was employed as business manager of the Mail and Express under a five year contract.

At the end of three years he was dismissed by Shepard, among the reasons given being "incompatibility." Gray's suit was for two years salary, or about \$20,000. Shepard charged the incompatibility with Gray and others convicted Gray of general conduct incompatible with his position. Shepard charged that the real reason of the dismissal was that he refused to be controlled by Gray, on the one hand, and to secure for the Mail and Express the election advertising. Both sides made charges of drunkenness against each other and the testimony has been such as to attract large and interested audiences in search of new developments.

When the proceedings commenced Judge Lawrence opened for Shepard. He dwelt upon the latter's generosity to Gray and argued that Gray himself admitted the violence which marked his conduct in the Mail and Express office. He dwelt upon the evidence which showed that during business hours Gray often resorted to the Astor House bar and ran the gamut of drinks from beer to champagne. He criticized Gray for a breach of hospitality in uttering the charge that his host was a drunkard. Parsons contended that the sworn denial of McClellan and others convicted Gray of lying when he testified that he applied to McClellan for election advertising for the Mail and Express. He argued that if the interpretation set by Gray, on the \$5,000 check sent him by Shepard for "commissions" was sincere, then Gray's action amounted to a condemnation of the crime, for instead of defending his honor he placed the money in his own credit in the bank. He maintained also that Gray's demanding from Shepard \$50,000, although some months after he claimed only some \$20,000, stamped him as an infamous blackmailer.

Colonel Ingersoll for the plaintiff argued that Shepard's generosity amounted to no more than getting Gray's services for what he could. Shepard's letter dismissing Gray, he said, "charges Gray with dishonesty, incompetency and ingratitude. It is a masterpiece of confidence." On the other hand, his enemies claim that no attempt at assassination was made, and that Hippolyte simply took the occasion to get rid of followers whose fidelity he suspected.

Continuing Ingersoll said the case was that Shepard wanted to stop paying Gray the salary he agreed to give him. He was willing to take up with any salary and could put up with profanity. "Gray was denounced for keeping Shepard's check," said Ingersoll. "If you had an enemy (speaking to jury) who was about to stab your reputation and who said this would you not use it as a sword and shield behind which to defy the miserable devil who made Gray convicted the breach of hospitality for which he had been denounced? It was you, Mr. Parsons. It was you who asked him when he was indicted for conspiracy to keep Shepard's check, perhaps you thought he ought to have told a lie?"

"I thought he should have said nothing," answered Parsons. "But to your drinking, Colonel Shepard," said Mr. Ingersoll, "but to your trying to hide it. There have been poets, painters, musicians and statesmen who have been known to get themselves with wine and there have been many of them who would sooner cut their throats than attempt to sober a man."

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A LARGE GAME SHIPMENT.

Perkins, the Snake River Hunter, Will Confine Himself to Rabbits.

RAWLINS, Wyo., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Perkins, the Snake river game shipper, got rid of the consignment of elk deer and antelope saddles which he has been storing here for the past two weeks, by shipping them by express to San Francisco. He writes to Agent Kingford that he will hereafter devote his energies to rabbits, of which he expects to ship large numbers.

A NEW RAILWAY.

Contracts to Be Let for the Construction of One in Wyoming.

RAWLINS, Wyo., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Colonel John Weir, head of a Soda Lake syndicate and the proposed Caspar Hanna railway, left this morning for Johnston, on the Sweetwater, the headquarters of the company. The survey having been made last summer, contracts will now be let for grading, ties and bridge timbers. It is already reported that a Landers firm will supply several million feet of the latter. The business men will make a move for a branch line into this city, and from present appearances with a fair show of success.

THE SUFFRAGAN BISHOPS.

Their Session, Which Was a Secret One Concluded.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—The council of Suffragan bishops adjourned this afternoon after taking a pledge of secrecy regarding the proceedings. It is almost impossible to glean any information, but it is currently reported that it decided that Bishop Henney of Dubuque, would be elevated to archbishopric dignity and that a new see would be created. As to the selection of names, it was decided to send to Rome one of which will be chosen coadjutor to the venerable archbishop Kendrick.

It is believed a secret ballot was taken and of the three selected it is reported that Bishop John Lawrence Spaulding, of Iowa, received the greatest number of votes. The second name was Monsignor O'Connell, as to the third name selected there is considerable doubt. It is thought, however, to be one of the following: vicar general Brady, of St. Louis; Bishop Kautz, of Wheeling; and Bishop Fitzgerald, of Little Rock.

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The Boston Merchants Banquet.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 15.—The annual banquet of the Boston Merchants' association was held at the Hotel Vendome this evening. The subject under consideration was "the consular service of the United States." The banquet hall was elaborately decorated, and covers were laid for 175 guests, and many distinguished guests were present. The list of speakers included Hon. Joseph H. Choate, ex-consul to Crete, Germany, Hon. L. M. Curry, ex-minister to Spain, Congressman Hooker, of Mississippi, and Hon. T. Abbott, minister to Colombia. The subject of consular service and how to improve it was discussed at length in interesting addresses by these gentlemen.

Federation of Labor.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—The morning session of the Federation of Labor was unimportant, most of it being devoted to a discussion of the propositions to cancel small loans made by the body to striking organizations in the United States.

At the afternoon session a resolution was adopted declaring a boycott on the National Brewing company of San Francisco.

The report of the committee to which President Gompers' report was referred was then heard. The committee concurred in most of the recommendations, and the concurrence was approved at this evening. The subject under consideration was "the consular service of the United States."

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A LANGUISHING INDUSTRY.

The Gloomy Mining Outlook in Nevada and Colorado.

A NEVADA MAN'S VIEWS.

The San Juan Gold Stamped Continued Unabated.

The Ontario Decline—A Strike in the Ross Tweed-General Mining Round-Up.

Mr. W. D. Tohey, for twenty years a resident of Carson City, Nev., is at the Keamsford. In conversation with a HERALD representative last evening Mr. Tohey stated that the recent gloomy reports sent out concerning Nevada's mining industry did not exaggerate the situation. The Consolidated California and Virginia, the only producer of any consequence in the Comstock group, was shut down last week, the miners being driven out by gas and fire from the old workings. The works have been bulkheaded and the fire apparently checked. Probably 200 men are thrown out of employment. They hope to be able to resume work in ten days, but that is uncertain.

This calamity, coming on top of the general depression, was a very serious blow.

There is some talk of improvement in the Potomac, but with that exception there have been no recent strikes or discoveries at Virginia City.

The Consolidated California & Virginia mine, Mr. Tohey stated, paid \$400,000 in dividends during the four years from 1878 to 1880. Now there are no dividend-paying mines and the outlook for the state is far from bright. Although the soil is adapted for agriculture, that occupation is not profitable, as irrigation is expensive, wages are high, and with the mines closed down, there is no home market.

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